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**Kankakee United Set to Host Virtual Expungement Fair in Partnership with Prairie State Legal Services**

**Kankakee, IL** – Beginning next week, Kankakee United will be hosting a virtual expungement fair in partnership with Prairie State Legal Services in Kankakee. Those who are interested will learn more about what criminal records are eligible to be expunged and the next steps moving forward. The virtual expungement fair will take place from **June 15, 2020 through June 19, 2020** on the City of Kankakee's website at [www.citykankakee-il.gov](http://www.citykankakee-il.gov).

Expungement is a process in which a record or criminal conviction can be removed or dismissed under legal requirements. After the process is complete, typically an arrest or conviction does not need to be disclosed. While all records are not eligible to be expunged, this could lead to a fresh start for an applicant when filling out an application for a job or housing.

"Every day, we are working to further improve the lives of our residents. We are fortunate to have Prairie State Legal Services in Kankakee. We appreciate their partnership for this month's initiative as our mission continues to aim to target a specific group of individuals within our community for Kankakee United. For example, if they get assistance with being granted a second chance, it can further lead to a decrease in crime once they are able to land a job," said Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

The mission of Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. is to ensure equal access to justice and fair treatment under the law by providing legal advice and representation, advocacy, education, and outreach that serve to protect basic human needs and enforce or uphold rights. Prairie State Legal Services is supported by the Westside Justice Center – Access to Justice.

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The City of Kankakee is dedicated to protecting, building and nurturing the community while enhancing lives. We are a historic, vibrant, and active riverfront community. We

continue to transform into an extraordinary place to dream, grow, and thrive. Embracing our diversity, we strive to be progressive, inclusive, and innovative. For more information on the City of Kankakee, please visit the website at [www.citykankakee-il.gov](http://www.citykankakee-il.gov).